

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Cancelled)

BY 16. (Currently Amended) A light shield plate which is fitted in an optical path of image light of a video camera having one image pickup element and guides image light for a left-eye image and image light for a right-eye image to which an appropriate visual angle is given to said image pickup element, to thereby pick up a stereoscopic image by said video camera; wherein said light shield plate has two openings, one light that has passed through one of the openings in said light shield plate becomes the image light for a left eye, and another light that has passed through the other opening in said light shield plate becomes the image light for a right eye; and wherein a shutter plate through which a light does not pass and which is so disposed as to be movable forward and backward in an optical path of the left-eye image light or the right-eye image light is disposed in each of the openings,

wherein the light shield plate is a component of one objective lens system that allows the image light for the left eye and the image light for the right eye to pass, wherein the objective lens system and the light shield plate are integrated with each other.

17-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The light shield plate of claim 16, wherein the light shield plate comprises polarization plates for each of the image lights for the left and right eyes.

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28. (New) The light shield plate of claim 16, wherein the light shield plate comprises liquid crystal plates for each of the image lights for the left and right eyes.
